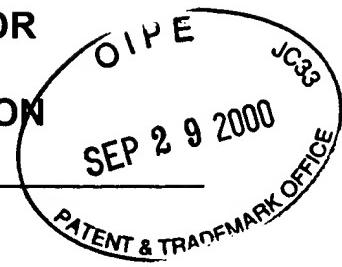


**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR
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As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **INTRALUMINAL STENTS**, the specification which was filed on June 26, 2000 under serial no. 09/603,409 and identified by Attorney File No. B0762/7001.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to herein.

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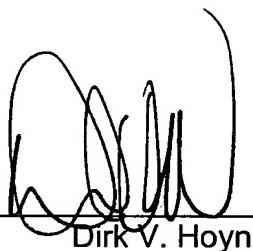
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